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COVER DESIGN

Take a good look at the charming couple on this issue's cover. They originally danced their way to fame on the cover of the program for the 1938 May Day, whose theme was "In Old Vienna." The pageant reproduced the festivities of the Austrian countryside in the time of Empress Elizabeth. Among the revelers was one group of dancers whose colorful costumes duplicated those of our cover boy and girl. The pageant was under the direction of Miss Mary Collins Powell, assisted by Miss Catherine Mims and Miss Randolph Arnold. For a more complete summary of May Day turn to page 13.

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Letter From The New Alumnae President

Dear Alumnæ:

In electing me to the presidency of the Mary Baldwin Alumnæ Association you have paid me a great and undeserved honor. As I approach the problems of administration, I am deeply cognizant of the splendid example of my predecessors in establishing the Association as a strong and working organization. It is my sincere hope that in the next two years we may build upon the foundation they have wrought.

But if we are to make any contribution, if the Association is to continue its growth and enlarge its services to our Alma Mater, it is necessary that all of us alumnæ recognize the problems which face us today and resolve together to work toward their solution. For this purpose I have made a summary of the more important and pressing questions as I see them.

Membership comes first, because, although our growth has been steady, there are still ten prospective members to every one active member of the Alumnæ Association. Until the majority of these enlist as active members of the Association by paying their annual dues of one dollar, we cannot hope to reach our potential strength. If each member now enrolled would pledge herself to bring in one new member during the next year, we could quickly double our membership and become more nearly self-supporting.

Finances, it is evident, are our second problem. At the present we are subsidized by Mary Baldwin. For every dollar which an alumna contributes to the expenses of the Alumnæ Association the college contributes two. Increased membership in the Association and increased contributions from chapters will hasten the day when we shall be self-supporting and shall therefore be able to perform greater service to Mary Baldwin.

A third problem is increased *student-contacts* for the alumnæ. Only as we learn to know the students better and educate them into alumnæ work can we hope to perpetuate the Alumnæ Association. By inviting students to chapter meetings during their holidays and by personal contacts wherever possible, the various alumnæ can not only refresh their own memories of Mary Baldwin but also can help to bridge the gap for the student between college and later alumnæ work.

The decoration of the *Club-House* lounges has been a yearly difficulty. The Club-House itself has operated more smoothly in the past year than ever before, but we must find some way to make a few permanent improvements in the building so that it will not be necessary to repaper and redecorate each summer. Many of the alumnæ who knew the Club-House well during their student-days probably have some very practical ideas on this subject, which the alumnæ office and the Club-House Committee will be glad to hear.

The *Alumnæ Bulletin,* excellent though it has been, has not yet achieved its full usefulness. The Association has never been able to publish it as often as originally intended nor can it afford to mail the *Bulletin* to any except active members. Because of the scattered residences of the alumnæ the class secretaries can gather too little news in many instances. *The Bulletin* could better serve its purpose of keeping the alumnæ in touch with Mary Baldwin and with one another and

would perhaps be more interesting to the alumnæ in general if each alumna would write a letter once a year to the alumnæ office, giving news of herself and other alumnae. And of course, the Publication Committee will always be glad to hear suggestions for improving the magazine and for financing extra issues.

Finally, the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of Mary Baldwin is approaching. The Alumnæ must be ready to do their part in making this celebration one worthy of the rich cultural history of our Alma Mater and to join the college administration in planning for the future of Mary Baldwin.

With these needs of the Alumnæ Association in mind, let us all begin another year of alumnæ work with determination to meet the challenge to serve Mary Baldwin as she in the past so well served us. The officers will welcome an expression of your opinions and ideas on these and any other matters of alumnæ work. And with the cooperation of every alumna we can take another step in broadening the scope of activity of the Mary Baldwin Alumnæ Association.

Sincerely yours,
Mary Bell *Archer* Mapp

Message From President L. Wilson Jarman

President Jarman spoke to the annual meeting of the Alumnæ Association in part as follows:

It is a joy to speak face to face with so many alumnæ of the seminary and college. I have a sense of speaking also at this hour to those thousands of alumnæ in many states who cannot be with us in person but whose spirits are bound always to Mary Baldwin.

You have heard already that the college has had a most successful year, and that the quota of new students for next session is already much more than filled by applicants for admission. As always, we sense the good will and good work of our alumnæ in helping us choose the right type of student, and in sending such to us.

We are thinking so much of our task of planning for our college in these last years of her first century that I would like this morning to discuss with you the things that we are thinking about. We have no announcements to make of things already accomplished, but rather want to take you into our fullest confidence, and ask you to plan with us.

There has been under consideration for several years a plan by which the control of the college may be greatly broadened by having the members of the Board of Trustees from different sections of the country. This plan, which appears to be developing rapidly, will also provide for more alumnæ representation on the board of trustees. Both of these suggested changes should be of great value to the college.

I remember that, when I came to the presidency of the college nine years ago, I made two resolves. One was that we must have a more intimate and a more effective contact between the alumnæ group and the college, including representatives of the alumnæ on the board of control. I am happy to say that we have made progress at a gradually increasing rate toward the fulfillment of this desire. The alumnæ have shown a

greater interest and loyalty to the college and its program each succeeding year. One of the very happiest of my relationships during these years has been with the alumnæ, both personally and officially.

The other resolve was not to project any program of physical development for the college that would involve the asking anyone for money for buildings or endowments, until we had brought our college to a position of eminence in the educational world which would of itself command the respect and financial support of alumnæ and others. This also we have attained. As a college, we have arrived.

This brings us to the point where I can tell you of the planning that we are doing together for the closing years of our century. The Board of Trustees, faculty, alumnæ, students of Mary Baldwin all are keenly sensible of the fact that though we are doing well as a college today, we are doing so with the buildings, equipment, and endowment of yesterday. We are living and working with the equipment provided by a former generation. If our college is to live and keep pace with other educational institutions in the years to come, we of this generation must provide the means for such development.

To this end the Board of Trustees has had working for a year a committee on survey and planning. This committee has had an expression as to the needs of the college from every faculty member, every student, and from a generous sampling of the alumnæ. All these are practically unanimous in their opinion as to the needs of the college for a number of buildings. They are also almost entirely in unanimous agreement as to the first building to come on our centennial program of development. Every one seems agreed that our greatest, most pressing, most immediate need is an adequate gymnasium that can be used also as an auditorium and for social purposes. At least we are unanimous as to our needs.

The Board of Trustees is also planning to lead the way for our entire group in the direction not only of planning for buildings and endowment but also of planning ways and means by which the needs of Mary Baldwin may be brought to the attention of thousands of people who are deeply interested in the college, but have never thought seriously of the possibilities attendant upon the investment of their life, and interest in the college through the providing of funds for its future development.

We are planning therefore, and ask you to plan with us, how we can proceed in a conservative and dignified manner, but none the less earnestly, in presenting the claims of the college upon the generosity of its friends who may by gift and by bequest have a part in this work.

A committee of the Board of Trustees has been given the task of finding a man of ability and of unusual personality gifts to come to the college and assist the president, the board, and the alumnæ in planning and presenting more adequately our centennial program.

There are many other things concerning which I would gladly talk with you today. These however are of supreme importance. Will you think of these things, pray over them, and plan with us for a happy ending of a glorious first century of Augusta Female Seminary, Mary Baldwin Seminary, and Mary Baldwin College, and an auspicious beginning of a second century which with your help and God's blessing may be under Him even more glorious.

President's Annual Report

Mary Baldwin Alumnæ Association

Members of the Alumnæ Association:

In as much as the activities of the past year have been incorporated in the Alumnæ Secretary's Report, I shall confine my Annual Report to a general discussion of the affairs of the Association. During the past year the Alumnæ Association has followed the policies of the past several years and its activities have been largely engaged with the matter of creating interest in all chapters, and trying to build new ones.

Ever since the graduation of the first class at this school, there have been alumnæ. Then and there these girls constituted an association that has carried the tradition, aims and spirit which today speak for themselves all over the world. We have never reached the outside stage and we never shall. All of us are a vital tie in the ever increasing bonds of Mary Baldwin.

Let us for a moment take stock of ourselves, starting with a bit of history as to our beginning. On August 30, 1893, Mrs. Elizabeth Andrew Hill called together all full graduates of the Seminary then in Staunton, asking them to lend their assistance to her proposal to form an Alumnæ Association. There were seven (7) present at this meeting where an organization was effected with Miss Nannie L. Tate, the first graduate of the Seminary, as President.

At this time and in this building forty-four years ago the first reunion was held, and the first annual business meeting, such as we are having today, inaugurated.

This association struggled on with a few chapters until ten (10) years ago, when under the leadership of Margaret *Kable* Russell it was reorganized into a national association.

Today we have nineteen (19) chapters, extending from California to Florida.

As an association we have not been idle, for our achievements have been varied and constructive and have been made possible because you have supported your organization. Let us answer the question why you should support it.

Because the Alumnæ Association is the department through which the College serves her alumnæ and the alumnæ serve their College.

Through the Alumnæ Office the Alumnæ are served in the following ways: They are supplied with news and information about their friends and the College twice a year, which involves handling considerable pieces of mail. Their class representatives, presidents, secretaries, and re-union chairmen are freely helped in their various lines of work. Arrangements are made for their accommodation during commencement or at any other time upon request. Their addresses are kept up to date as far as possible, which necessitates many changes a year.

To bring in an additional income to the Association the sale of commemorative plates has been carried on by the Alumnæ office.

We are not resting back, for we feel that the surface has only been scratched. More chapters are to be organized. More girls will graduate. More objectives will be pursued. Mary Baldwin lives on!

I am ever conscious of an overwhelming desire to see us do at least one thing and that is "Set our house in order." Eager as I have been to have the whole weight of the Alumnæ influence hard at work to aid the College in its great task, I do not believe it is possible for us to offer very valuable cooperation until we have rallied to the support of our own organization. The College is generous to the Alumnæ Association and more than generous to each returning daughter. It behooves us to match that generosity with an adequate financial support of our association which could so easily be done if every alumna would become a member—I lay this upon your hearts.

So much for the set-up and the achievements of our organization. Now what is its purpose? Is it to be a great fraternal group with keeping alive the friendships and memories of school days its prime objective?

I know you will agree that while we could not surrender these things to oblivion, they are dwarfed in the light of a deeper significance.

All Alumnæ work is based upon two underlying principles, loyalty and service, and we should be banded together first and last to work for the best interests of the school whose name we bear.

The Alumnæ task lies in securing in the consciousness of the Alumnæ that they are a living part of a growing college to which they may make some contribution of thought or idealism.

Colleges grow through the creative power of imagination and the persistent influence of sentiment and tradition. These find expression chiefly in the alumnæ. The alumnæ are indeed the college—its ripest fruits, its ultimate justification. And just as the College must ever look out to its alumnæ for the final evaluation, so must the alumnæ ever look back to the College. Each complements the other—neither is complete without the other, and only as they advance together may the Institution become truly great.

Mary Baldwin is facing a new day of progress, and when the call comes, let us give any forward movement our hearty support.

In closing my term of office I wish to express my very deepest appreciation for the opportunity which has been given me to be of some service to the Association and to the School.

It has been my purpose throughout the terms which I have served as president to promote a feeling of understanding and cordiality between all the elements effecting the school.

The place of the Alumnæ Association is one of helpfulness to the Board and to the officials who carry the responsibility of running the school. It is my earnest hope that this feeling of confidence and cooperation will continue and that the interest in the work of the Association will grow. To all of you I wish to express my deep appreciation and gratitude for the loyal support and the cooperation you have given me personally. Whatever I have been able to accomplish has been because of these things. It has been a great joy to serve with you and for you in the bonds of MARY BALDWIN.

Faithfully yours,
MAGGIE BELL *Roller* ROBINSON,
President.

Officers of Mary Baldwin Alumnae Association

For the first time in the history of the Alumnæ Association new officers were elected by ballot this year. The new constitution, adopted in October, 1937, provides that "the Poling Committee through the Executive Secretary shall mail to every voter not less than one month before the June meeting of the Alumnæ Association a printed ballot containing the names of two duly selected nominees for each vacant office and Board membership, with a brief biographical notice of each candidate.... The results of the election shall be announced at the June meeting of the Association and published in the midsummer issue of the Alumnæ Bulletin." The results are as follows:

OFFICERS

President—Mary Bell *Archer* Mapp (Mrs. John A.) '35, formerly of Clarksdale, Miss., now living in Richmond, Va. While at Mary Baldwin Mrs. Mapp was very active in college life and held the highest positions in the Student Body. She was President of Student Government, Editor-in-Chief of the *Bluestocking*, Managing Editor of *Campus Comments* and on the staff of the *Miscellany*. She was also an enthusiastic member of all clubs and a member of the varsity debating team for four years. Her scholastic record was of the very highest. Each year she won the award for the best grades in her class and she was elected to the Mary Baldwin Honor Society. After graduating from Mary Baldwin in 1935, Mrs. Mapp went to New York University where she was enrolled in the School of Business Administration and made an enviable record for herself. In June 1937, she was married to Mr. John A. Mapp from Eastern Shore who is a graduate of William and Mary.

First Vice-President—Mary Tomlinson *Braxton* Callison (Mrs. J. Waller) '29, Seminary graduate, Staunton. In the past 9 years Mrs. Callison has served as a Board member and chairman of the Club House Committee. She has also been active in the work of the Staunton Chapter.

Second Vice-President—Nancy Wallace, '36, Wilmington, N. C. In her four years at Mary Baldwin Miss Wallace held numerous student honors. She was President of the Senior Class, member of the Student Council, varsity debater and a member of the Honor Society. This June Miss Wallace received her Master's degree in Religious Education from Union Theological Seminary in connection with Columbia University in New York City.

Secretary — Ann Archer *Hogshead* Tullidge (Mrs. George B.) '20, Staunton. Mrs. Tullidge has assisted in the Staunton chapter for several years and has been active in social, religious and civic affairs in Staunton.

BOARD MEMBERS IN STAUNTON AND VICINITY

Maggie Bell *Roller* Robinson (Mrs. Warren S.) '99. Mrs. Robinson has been President of the National Alumnæ Association for four years. Her excellent record in that position speaks for itself. She has always been active in the Staunton chapter and has served as a Board member for many years.

Mary Gilkeson Blackley, '29, Seminary graduate, is a former Board member and has served on numerous committees in local alumnae work.

Emily *Pancake* Smith (Mrs. Herbert McK.) '06, is also a former Board member. For several years she has been connected with the finance and club house committee, was recently appointed secretary for the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Fund, and has been active in the re-decoration of the Mary Baldwin parlors and all alumnæ projects. Mr. Herbert Smith is a member of the Virginia House of Representatives from Augusta County.

Dorothy *Morris* Gibbs (Mrs. W. W. IV) '26. Alumnæ Secretary for some time. Active member of the Staunton chapter.

Gloria *Jones* Atkinson (Mrs. Thomas) '33. Vice-President of Student Body, Treasurer of Student Council and participant in all student activities.

Anvilla *Prescott* Shultz (Mrs. Sydney) '32. Editor-in-Chief of the *Bluestocking*, President of the Student Body; Second Vice-President of National Alumnæ Association, Vice-Chairman of Staunton chapter, elected chairman of same last month; active in civic and religious affairs in Staunton.

Margaret McChesney, '79 Charter member of Alumnæ Association and valuable member of the Board for many years.

BOARD MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF STAUNTON

Hope Stuart, '01, Lexington, Va. Chairman of Lexington chapter for several years, reelected in May for two more years. Prominent in other phases of alumnae work.

Kate *Hoge* Davidson (Mrs. James) '00, Lexington, Va. Member of the Lexington chapter and enthusiastic alumnæ worker.

Permele *Elliott* Frances (Mrs. James D.) '10, Huntington, W. Va. Chairman of the Huntington chapter. Wife of a member of the Mary Baldwin Board of Trustees.

Margaret Hunt, '37, Dallas, Texas. Member of the Athletic Association, Y. W. C. A., Granddaughters Club and business manager of *Campus Comments*. Has traveled extensively abroad.

Betty Vincent, '36, Baltimore, Maryland. Music major. Member of *Bluestocking* staff, president of music club and prominent in all club work.

Evelyn Brown, '35, Tarrytown, N. Y. Business manager for *Bluestocking*, President of Senior Class, college representative at Apple Blossom Festival, Attendant to the May Queen and prominent in clubs and athletics; chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for the New York chapter; now secretary to the President of Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School.

Minutes Of The Annual Meeting

On Monday, June 6th, the annual meeting of the Mary Baldwin Alumnæ Association was held on "Upper Gallery," with Mrs. Maggie Bell *Roller* Robinson, National President in the chair and a large membership present. The chaplain, Mrs. Charlottte *Ranson* Taylor, made a prayer. As the minutes of the annual meeting had been published, a motion of Bessie Wallace Landes, dispensing with the reading of same was carried. The treasurer, Fannie Strauss, reported a balance of $497.13. Mrs. Robinson graciously welcomed the alumnæ. The gavel, made from wood from Miss Baldwin's room, lay on the table. Mrs. Robinson announced an increase in membership, which included the entire graduating class of 48 and 60 at large, during the year.

Mrs. Carlotta *Kable* Morriss, Chairman of Auditing Committee, found the treasurer's report correct. A motion of Mrs. Jennie *McCue* Marshall, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, that this report be placed on file, was carried. Mrs. Taylor, Chairman of the Missionary Scholarship Committtee, discussed this fund and announced that Margaret Wardlaw would again be the recipient of this award. Virginia Switzer, custodian of finances for this fund, made a plea for contributions and announced a balance of $84.74.

Miss Abbie McFarland presented the Alumnæ Scholarship report. Nancy Vance is our scholarship girl. Mrs. Anna Belle *Timberlake* Hogshead read Mrs. Tomlinson *Braxton* Callison's report as Chairman of the Club House Committee. Between profits and disbursements a balance of about $400.00 was declared. Under the capable management of the hostess, Mrs. Paxton, the alumnæ club house has enjoyed unprecedented prosperity.

The president announced that Mrs. Callison had placed a wreath on Miss Baldwin's grave. Mrs. Margarett *Kable* Russell's motion that the secretary, Marie *Hammond* Wonson, send a note to Mr. King expressing our greeting, was carried, after Mrs. Crawford had seconded the motion.

Winifred Love, alumnæ secretary, gave a detailed report of the work in her office. As her report is published, there are no details mentioned in my report. Mrs. Russell moved that a rising vote of thanks be given to Miss Love, for her splendid piece of work. The following chapters answered the roll call, with brief reports of their activities; New York, Philadelphia, Lexington, Eastern Shore Chapter, Central Valley, Richmond, Pitttsburgh, Staunton, and Washington.

Bessie Wallace Landis occupied the chair, while Mrs. Robinson read the president's report. Miss Buel moved that her report be accepted and placed on file.

The President of Mary Baldwin College, Dr. L. Wilson Jarman, gave an illuminating talk to the association. Briefly, the high lights discussed were: the every day running of the College; long term planning; new charter explained, leading to a broader control; plans for the last four years of the century; a broader cultural program; the task of moving forward and the need of an additional member of the staff, to acquaint the people with the needs of Mary Baldwin.

On the motion of Miss Nancy McFarland, seconded by Mrs. Hogshead, it was voted to petition the board of trustees, that when a new building is erected, it shall be named for Mr. William Wayt King.

Jessie Bear acted as registrar in the absence of Mrs. Emma *Plecker* Cassell.

Miss Love announced the newly elected officers. For their names see page 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie *Hammond* Wonson,

Secretary of the National Association.

Commencement Awards

The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, established in 1925 by the New York Southern Society and awarded by Mary Baldwin College each year to some person or persons who have rendered outstanding and unselfish service, was presented at Commencement by Dr. L. Wilson Jarman. The first award was given jointly to Miss Nancy Witherspoon McFarland, assistant professor of Latin and history, and Miss Abbie McFarland, librarian. After graduating from Mary Baldwin, Miss Nancy McFarland returned in 1911 to take her place on the faculty. Miss Abbie came back in 1919 as librarian. In making the award Dr. Jarman said:

MISS NANCY MCFARLAND

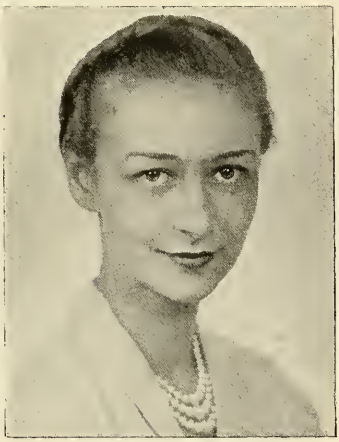
"Because the nobility that lies elemental in the hearts of all men is touched with fire and quickened into stronger life by the knowledge of another in whose life and character it was conspicuously manifest, the Society and the college have jointly arranged for the issue of medallions which are to be perpetual reminders of Algernon Sydney Sullivan, the memory of whose life has been handed down with loving and grateful admiration as one that was a continuous expression of those high qualities which ennoble and beautify living and bind man to man in mutual love and helpfulness. The contemplation of such lives must ever be encouraging and inspiring. They justify alike our highest ideals and our highest hopes. The medallions are used to give recognition and stimulus to high thought and noble endeavor, and are presented from time to time by the college to those who, because of the quality of their lives, are judged to be appropriate recipients of the distinction. It is in accordance with these principles that a medallion is presented to Misses Nancy and Abbie McFarland, who as alumnæ of Mary Baldwin Seminary and as members of the faculty, have served their alma mater long and faithfully; who have expressed in their lives so fully the ideals of Mary Baldwin; who by the beauty and nobility of their character have influenced for good the lives of their students and associates through the years. 'As one lamp lights another nor grows less, so nobleness enkindleth nobleness.'"

MISS ABBIE MCFARLAND

The second Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award went to Miss Jean Diescher, Pittsburgh, Pa. Jean was a member of the current graduating class and had made a splendid record in her four years at Mary Baldwin. Each year she was connected with the Y. W. C. A., the Athletic Association and all publications. As a freshman she was elected associate editor of the *Miscellany* and was a member of the French and Dramatic Clubs. In her sophomore year she joined the International Relations Club and continued an active member of that through the rest

of her college career. She distinguished herself as editor of *Campus Comments* in her junior year. *Campus Comments* won the All-American rating ,the highest to be granted by the Associated Collegiate Press in its yearly critical service. This high honor was won by only one other college in Virginia. Jean served as a member of the Chapel Committee in both her junior and senior years. This committee is composed of members from the faculty and student body and takes charge of the chapel programs and other matters connected with chapel throughout the year. At the end of her junior year she was given the highest office in the Student Body—that of President of Student Government. She faithfully and efficently served in that capacity throughout her senior year. In making this award the president said:

"While the award recognizes accomplishment, unselfish service is the fundamental principle. . . . To Jean Eaton Diescher, in recognition of her integrity of character, in recognition of her ever growing loyalty to the ideals of Mary Baldwin, Mary Baldwin College presents this award."



JEAN EATON DIESCHER

SCHOLASTIC HONORS

The Mary Baldwin Honor Society announces the election of the following girls to the Honor Society for the year 1937-38. From the class of '38, Adele Gooch, Margaret Keller and Emma Ruth Siler, all of Staunton, were named. Previous election from the class of '38 included Dorothy Cohen and Sarah Latham of Staunton and Alice Borden Moore of Wilmington, N. C. Members of the class of '39 that have been elected are Anna Lawler Gilkeson, Staunton, and Betty Cleveland, Spartanburg, S. C. The Honor Society was established by the faculty in 1932 and membership in this organization is conditioned primarily upon scholarship. The members are elected by the faculty and are initiated into the society at faculty meetings.

Scholarships for the highest average in the freshman, sophomore and junior classes were awarded to the following girls: In the freshman class, Ann Carroll, Staunton, who has made all A's throughout the year. Ethelyn Jones, New Canton, Va., received the award in the sophomore class, and Betty Cleveland, Spartanburg, S. C., received it in the junior class. Honorable mention was given to Jean Larner, Staunton, of the freshman class, Mildred Bradley, Fort Jay, N. Y., sophomore, and Anna Lawler Gilkeson, Staunton, of the junior class. These girls with the highest average will each receive fifty dollars which they may use toward their tuition for the coming year. These scholarships are awarded according to faculty regulations.

The high honors list for the year is as follows: Mildred Bradley, Ann Carroll, Betty Cleveland, Dorothy Cohen, Anna Lawler Gilkeson, Adele Gooch, Ethelyn Jones, Sarah Lane, Jean Larner, Sarah Latham, Ruth Owen, Jane Lee Raudenbush, Margaret Wallace Shields, Emma Ruth Siler and Eugenia Vance.

Alumnae Secretary's Report

It is a little difficult at the end of nine months to evaluate the work and the result of the work that has been done in the Alumnæ Office. A good part of this time the secretary spent, and is still spending, as an apprentice. So in this report I am only going to state what we have actually done and hope that the results will be more apparent later.

At the beginning of this year we had two major objectives (1) establishing a new filing system and (2) increasing and enlarging the chapters. The new filing system has not yet been set up but a great deal of work has been done on the present one and it is in quite good working condition. The cards have been checked in each of the five classifications and several hundred new birthday cards added. The information for the latter came from the registrar's office and from the returns to the questionnaires we sent out.

Particular emphasis has been placed on the chapters and some results of this can now be seen. On October 4th a large number of the chapters met for a celebration of Miss Baldwin's birthday. At this time 2500 folders were sent from the office to all paid members of the association and to those who belonged to chapters all over the country. During the year the majority of them have had at least one meeting and several have had more. The Pittsburgh chapter is at present one of our shining lights. It was reorganized in December and has had one other meeting and is planning a third next week. We feel that this is a very encouraging record for a new chapter. A good percent of the chapters have had representatives from the College at the meetings. Mrs. Grafton spoke at the fall meeting of the Washington Chapter. Elizabeth *Hoon* Cawley, dean of Mary Baldwin last year, and Margaret *Koble* Russell were both present at the New York meeting, held May 7th. The president of the Alumnæ and the executive secretary have recently visited the Lower Valley and the Richmond chapters. At other times throughout the year the secretary had the pleasure of attending meetings of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Wilmington, Greensboro, and Baltimore chapters. Several of them contributed to the missionary scholarship fund and others are planning benefits during the fall and winter. Though some of the chapters are still inactive, the response of most of them has been very encouraging.

The District meeting of the Council was held in Tallahassee, Florida, in February. We had been very well represented there by our former secretary, Miss Mary Moore Pancake, who had taken an active part in the work of the Council. The meeting was both practical and inspirational and to a novice it was of inestimable value.

One of the major undertakings of this year was the compilation, mailing and tabulation of four thousand questionnaires for the purpose of studying the activities of the Mary Baldwin Alumnæ in their civil, social and religious life. It is impossible as yet to determine the full response to this questionnaire as some of them are still coming in. So far it has amply recompensed the expense and work involved.

The January issue of the *News Letter* was the largest one we have had for some time. It numbered about four thousand copies which were sent to all alumnæ. The other two issues for this year will be much smaller as they go only to the paid members. From the answers in the questionnaire we gathered that the *News Lettter* is quite a popular publication among the alumnæ.

This year, for the first time in the history of the Alumnæ Association, the officers and Board members of the Association were elected by ballot. About 550 of these ballots went to the paid members. There was approximately a twenty-five percent return which would be considered better than average by most colleges. This has been quite a successful innovation and a step forward in alumnæ work.

For the past several weeks a great deal of time has been spent in preparation for Commencement. Letters and programs have gone out to all the classes and four hundred cards with notices of the luncheon and banquet have been sent to local alumnæ. During this time 225 post cards were mailed from the home office to members of the New York and Richmond

chapters to help secure a larger attendance at the meetings.

The birthday cards, about 1200, have gone out regularly each day and there is always a steady stream of correspondence. The total mailings from the first of September until the first of June, exclusive of the daily correspondence of which we have kept no check, amount to over 14,000 items.

Every effort has been made to contact the students and interest them in the alumnæ association. Mrs. Sydney Shultz and the executive secretary spoke on alumnæ work at two chapel programs this year. The granddaughters and little sisters were invited to the luncheon on October 4th. On May 11 the Senior class was entertained at a tea in the Club House. Very detailed plans for the future of this phase of the work have been laid and are going into operation this summer.

I would like to take this opportunity to express to each alumna, the alumnæ Board and the chapter and committee chairmen my sincere appreciation for their splendid helpfulness and co-operation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Winifred Love,
Alumnæ Secretary.

Glimpses of Commencement

Those old familiar cries of "I'm so glad to see you. Where are you staying? Isn't it grand to be back?" were ringing lustily through the halls all day Friday and Saturday. It could mean but one thing—the Alumnæ were rolling in and settling down to several days of fun and frolic. The first few hours we spent hectically trying to talk to everyone at once and gather every morsel of news that we could. Almost before we knew it the festivities of Class Day were upon us.

Class Day Program

Saturday afternoon found us gathered, *en masse,* for the impressive Class Day exercises. According to custom the Seniors and their Attendants started the processional from Academic and proceeded to Hill Top steps where the Seniors formed a tableau for the program. The Seniors were unusually lovely in their full skirted white dresses with tiny boleros, with which they carried bouquets of yellow roses and blue delphinium. The attendants wore Alice blue mousseline and carried the traditional shepherds crooks. A huge book represented a memory book of all that the seniors had enjoyed from their four years in college As the book was opened, groups of girls interpreted in pantomime various phases of college life; friendship, knowledge, sportsmanship, culture and spiritual worship. In the final pantomine a senior stood alone while the rest of the class sang the senior song. Alice Borden Moore, Wilmington, N. C., president, and Jessie May Cover, Staunton, vice-president, acted as pages to open the book. The second half of the program took place on the front terrace where the seniors carried the ivy chain to form the figure '38. Alice Borden Moore announced the class gift, two large and beautiful sofas for the red room, and then presented the class colors, scarlet and gold, to Miss Evelyn Engleman, Lexington, representative of the class of 42. Committtee members for class day were:

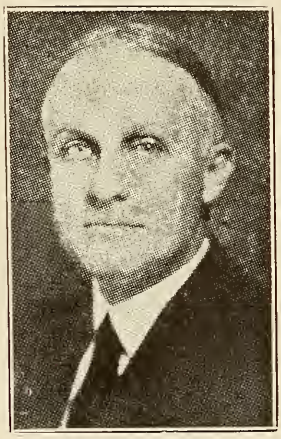
Nancy Gilliam, Statesville, N. C., Herbert Ward Wyant, Harrisonburg, Va., and Jean Diescher, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The melancholy thoughts that may have flitted through our minds for a moment, recalling other days, did not in any way dampen our Garden Party spirits, and from the number of empty plates that were carried away it seemed as if we alumnæ were in top form.

EVENING CONCERT

The Commencement recital presented by the music department that evening in the chapel was eminently successful. Miss Christine Gunlogson, Miss Elizabeth Gaines and Mr. Carl Broman were the musicians. To see our beloved Miss Fishburne again accompanying Miss Gunlogson was one of the crowning joys of Commencement.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON



REV. C. F. MYERS

By eleven o'clock Sunday morning groups of alumnæ were standing in all convenient places for a full view of that first academic processional which is ever dear to our hearts. And how we thrilled to the music of *Jerusalem, The Golden,* which floated across the street and reached the front terrace! We were not disappointed in our hopes of a splendid Baccalaureate Sermon. Dr. Charles Franklin Myers, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N. C., preached a vivid, arresting sermon on "Fearless Individualism."

"The fearless individual is the person who responds deeply and quickly to whatever he encounters," began Dr. Myers, and he continued, saying in part: "There are three stages through which a person passes in order to become a real personality. There is the stage of asserting oneself; there is the stage of being sick of oneself; and there is the stage of forgetting oneself. We need something which can command, absorb, and ennoble us. I mean by fearless individualism not being controlled by a crowd, by settled circumstances, or by fear of consequences."

"The first thing necessary to developing a real personality is faith in God. Men on the frontiers of knowledge tell us that the universe is supported by an infinite Love, an infinite Artist, and an infinite Friend. Faith in Jesus has lived for two thousand years. It is the outstanding thing in history. A Christian is fearless. He responds deeply and quickly to whatever he encounters."

"The second thing which we need in developing a real personality is someone to help us make the most of life. That Someone should be Jesus Christ. We have one chance to extract every petal of beauty from life. Socrates said 'know yourself.' The psychologist says, 'behave yourself.' Jesus said, 'deny yourself.'"

"In the third place, we must have par-

don. The past must be made clean. Jesus came to bear the sins of the world. He said, 'Put upon me all your sins.' He takes and buries our sins of imagination, of omission and commission. He loves us and loses us from our sins."

"Finally, if we are to develop fearless individualism we must pray. We must follow the lights which we have and they will lead us to the gate and into the clear shining of the Light. It takes a long time to grow a soul, doesn't it? It takes a long time to develop a fearless personality. It takes the constant companionship of Jesus Christ. Choose beauty, truth and love. Choose the Christ."

Alumnæ Day

And what a day! From early in the morning till late in the evening the alumnæ were in full swing. At eleven o'clock an unusually large group had assembled for the annual business meeting. The business was dispatched in sprightly fashion and soon we were all gathered merrily at the Club House to partake of the luncheon being served there. After a pleasant hour or two we conveyed our thanks to the Staunton ladies and tore ourselves away to dress for that gala occasion—

May Day

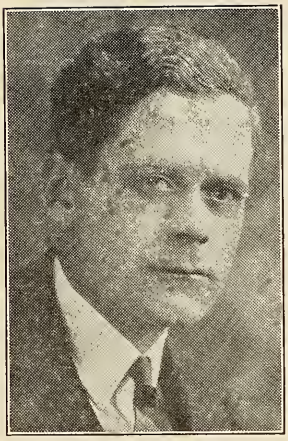
Even the weather had conspired with the other Powers That Be to make everything perfect. You would look a long time to find anything more beautiful than the May Court. Mary Waties Lumpkin, May Queen, regal in white satin with an illusion train and wearing a heart shaped seed-pearl crown, was preceded by Virginia Campbell, her scepter bearer. Her long train of illusion was caried by Joanna Weinberg. The blonde maids of honor, Marjorie Beasley and Adelaide Hill, were identically dressed in green mousseline and carried pink roses. The colorful peasant dances, carrying out the Austrian motif, and accompanied by familiar folk songs, were the delight of all present.

Alumnæ Banquet

But this did not conclude the events of a very crowded day. An hour later we met again for the alumnæ banquet. The dining room was beautifully decorated and a sumptuous repast was ready for us. Miss Betty Buel, '33, as toastmistress, added to the occasion by her clever and appropriate remarks, and it was with a great deal of pleasure that we listened again to Miss Pfohl. The banquet was made especially interesting by the presence of the two presidents—Mrs. Robinson, the retiring president, and Mrs. Mapp, the incoming one. It was with a distinct note of sadness that we heard the farewell speech of Mrs. Robinson, who has faithfully served as president the last four years. As a slight token of appreciation for her services Mrs. Thos. Russell presented her with half a dozen Mary Baldwin plates from the Alumnæ Association. Miss Nancy McFarland welcomed the Senior class into the Association and Alice Borden Moore pledged their loyalty and support. Dr. Jarman and Miss Poole both spoke briefly on the present and future of Mary Baldwin. Peg *DeMund* Vanderbeek, another representative of the class of '33, gave us news of her absent classmates. After the singing of the Alma Mater we adjourned for another year, tired but happy.

Commencement

Another Commencement morning! Forty-eight Seniors, the largest class in the history of Mary Baldwin, proud-



DR. GRAEME O'GERAN

ly received their white-and-yellow-lined hoods, turned the tassel on their caps and became full fledged A.B.s. Seniors, faculty, alumnæ, parents and friends turned an attentive ear to Dr. Graeme O'Geran, associate professor of economics at Syracuse University, while he spoke on "Practical Idealism." Said Dr. Geran: "I can't help but feel that the vast majority of those who gain success do so by helping others. There's nothing wrong in gaining prosperity for yourself, if so doing you help others to live bettter and enjoy happy lives. Spiritual engineering is the important thing, rather than civil engineering and economic engineering.

"We are told by the confusionists that our choice in American life lies beween communism and fascism. One is as bad as the other. Communism is socialism by the bullet, and fascism is capitalism by the sword. For me, I'd rather have neither. There is another way. That's the democratic way—the American way. It was good enough for Washington; it was good enough for Wilson; and it's good enough for me.

"There is in the world a growing tendency to exalt the functions of the state—to assume that the state is somehow possessed of superhuman wisdom, and that those who direct the destinies of the state do so by virtue of a sort of divine right, and that to criticize them is to commit sacrilege.

"But as college students you know that the one thing more important than any state, and for whose sake the state exists, is the individual. I am certain beyond all doubt that you would not care to be members of a community of social insects. We must face the facts and act accordingly here in the United States. We must modify our actions to suit practical conditions.

"We must muster our forces and preserve our cherished democracy. It is not the system that's wrong, as the confusionists would have you believe—but the trouble arises because certain individuals have ignored the rules of fair play. We must eradicate the evils, but preserve the system—that's what I mean by practical realism."

After Mrs. Grafton read the honors list for both sessions, Dr. Jarman announced the awards. When Miss Nancy and Miss Abbie McFarland were given the Algernon Sydney Sullivan award our cup was full. We hastened back to the terrace to see them each receive an armful of yellow roses given by the Alumnæ Association to which we felt very proud to belong.

It was over all too soon for us. But we carried away the best of it with us and we knew that next June there would be another.

In Memoriam

Miss Marianna Parramore Higgins, distinguished educator, long associated with Mary Baldwin, died Sunday morning, March 6th, at her home at Accomac, Va., after an illness of several months. Miss Higgins was connected with Mary Baldwin for a period of 22 years as teacher, head of the seminary, and dean of the college department.

In 1925 Hampden-Sydney College, awarding its first degree to a woman, conferred upon Miss Higgins the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters for her work at Mary Baldwin. She was educated in the schools of Accomac County and at Farmville Normal School, with special courses at Harvard and Columbia Universities.

Miss Higgins taught at Fredericksburg College and at Columbia Woman's College, Columbia, S. C., before coming to Mary Baldwin in 1908. She was headmistress of Collegiate School for Girls in Richmond during 1932-33. Since then she had been engaged in research and reorganization work at Byrn Mawr, Pa., and the Warrenton Country School.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 8th, at Makemie Presbyterian Church, Accomac, of which she was a member, and interment was in Edge Hill Cemetery.

Miss Higgins' death is mourned by all who knew her. She was a woman of rare intellect and ability, endowed with refinement and gentleness. In her Mary Baldwin has lost a devoted friend.

At approximately the same hour that funeral services were being held in Accomac, appropriate memorial exercises were held for Miss Higgins at Mary Baldwin College. Dr. L. Wilson Jarman made brief introductory remarks, after which Miss Mary E. Lakenan, Professor of Biblical Literature, spoke feelingly of Miss Higgins' work in Staunton.

In the dedication of the 1930 *Bluestocking* we find these words: "In recognition of the steadfast purpose, the rare devotion, the distinguished ability with which she has carried forward the noble work of Miss Mary Julia Baldwin to its culmination in a standard college for women, we, the staff of 1930, with love and admiration, dedicate this volume of the *Bluestocking* to our true friend and ever-willing Counsellor, Miss Marianna Parramore Higgins."

HONORS TO MR. KING

The many, many friends of our beloved Mr. King will be delighted to learn that the first building to be erected in preparation for the coming Centennial will be called the "William Wayt King" building. At the alumnæ business meeting on Monday, June 6th, the motion was put forth that the alumnæ be allowed to name the building after their friend and counsellor, Mr. King. Needless to say, all the alumnæ present were delighted and we know that the others of you are rejoicing at this piece of good news.

Margarett *Kable* Russell was recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Mary Baldwin College to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Pilson. She is the first alumna to serve in this capacity.

MAY QUEEN
MARY WATIES LUMPKIN
Columbia, S. C.

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L. KENNEDY, L. CULVER
ER, B. PROPPITT, A. JARMAN, M. CONLON,
L. PHIPPS

MARTHA *Stackhouse* GRAFTON, DEAN OF INSTRUCTION, AND HER TWIN DAUGHTERS, LETTY AND ELIZABETH

MARY JANE COOKE, ST. LOUIS, MO., WHO RECEIVED THE QUARLES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING CLASS.

News of the Chapters

Since this seems to be a month of reckoning for all phases of alumnæ work we turn our attention for a few moments to the activities of the alumnæ chapters which are scatttered far and wide.

Heading the list this time is our youngest, a most precocious offspring—Pittsburgh, by name. Since the reorganization in December this chapter has had two more meetings. In March there was a very successful, informal tea which attracted a large number of the members. The chairman of the chapter, Lottie Bell, '37, was here for Commencement and she told us of the luncheon to be held June 15, at the College Club. They considered themselves very fortunate to have Dr. Jarman as the guest speaker on this occasion. These are only the beginnings of the activities of this chapter and we hope to have more news to report in the future. Meanwhile, three cheers for Pittsburgh!

Sharing honors with Pitttsburgh at the present time is Richmond, which has come to life with a bang. On May 21st, Mrs. Robinson and the executive secretary had the privilege of being present at a delightful luncheon meeting of the Richmond Chapter held at the Gypsy Tavern. There was a fine attendance and enthusiasm ran high. Mrs. Robinson presided during the business meeting at which time Caroline *Caldwell* Leith, '34, was elected chairman and Virginia Wight, ex-'34, was elected secretatry and treasurer. A few weeks later these new officers went into action and the result was another successful meeting. At this one they voted to have six meetings a year which definitely gives them the blue ribbon on this score.

Jumping from Richmond to New York, quite a jump, we find encouraging activity there. The New York chapter had a luncheon May 7th at the George Washington Hotel. The talk which Mrs. Elizabeth *Hoon* Cawley, dean of Mary Baldwin in 1936-37, gave at that time is printed elsewhere in the Bulletin. Margarett *Kable* Russell, '02, Honorary President of the National Association, was also there and spoke briefly to the chapter. Plans were made for a card party next fall and Evelyn Brown, '35, was made chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. The chairman, Anna Catherine *McMahon* Kutzleb, '29, in her report of the meeting writes: "We are very anxious for the New York girls to become interested in our chapter, and we give them a hearty invitation to join in our meetings." This was a large, well atttended meeting, but we are hoping that you New Yorkers will accept Mrs. Kutzleb's invitation and turn out in full for the next one.

The Baltimore chapter is not to be omittted from this honorable roll call. The executive secretary was present at a lovely tea in April, held at the home of Marie *McDonald* Burch, '29, chairman. Our congratulations to the Baltimoreans for their splendid record of due paying and for their contribution to the Missionary Scholarship fund.

And while we are talking about Baltimore, let's take a look at their next door neighbors. Our faithful friends in Washington are beginning plans for their silver jubilee this fall. Can any other chapter equal that record? Now don't be modest, step right up and say so. At the spring meeting in Washington, Sallie Stout, '97, and Natalie *Hogsett* Zirkle, '98, entertained the chapter. At this meeting the following officers were elected: Margaret

Daniel, '97, chairman; Eva Lee Chew, '22, vice-chairman; Betty Keith Harrison, '34, secretary and treasurer. Our very best wishes to these officers!

Encouraged by their successful meeting (which included a luncheon, bridge, and fashion show—full measure pressed down and running over) the Detroit chapter held another luncheon at the Grosse Point Club, June 11th. At this luncheon they entertained prospective Mary Baldwin students and other visiting alumnæ. A splendid idea this, and one which the rest of us might follow.

Like Alice in Wonderland we seem to be a little confused about time, so will you, gentle reader, pardon us while we skip from June in Detroit to February in Atlanta? Katherine *Woodrow* Kirkland, '12, chairman of the chapter, was also hostess for the winter meeting. Her home, beautifully decorated in yellow and white with Mary Baldwin souvenirs in conspicuous places, was very conducive to the enthusiastic meeting which followed. During the meeting plans were laid for a garden party to be held in the spring or summer and several wise methods were discussed for replenishing the exchequer. The executive secretary was fortunate to be able to attend this meeting and also the one in Greensboro, held a few days later at the home of Ellen Douglas Bush, '35, chairman of that chapter. Would that more of you could have joined the fifteen of us as we sat in front of a blazing fire and chatted about the "good old days" at M. B.!

Catherine *Sneed* Cochran, '24, chairman of the Louisville chapter, reports a fine meeting there with fifteen present—ranging from the class of '76 to the class of '36. They are already makng plans for a state-wide luncheon at the celebration of the Centennial.

There is one choice bit of news that fills the heart of the alumnæ secretary with joy and that is the organization of a Mid-West chapter. Under the able leadership of Helton McAndrew, '32, Chicago, Milwaukee and vicinity were to hold their first meeting this past week. Report of this has not yet come in, but full details will be given in the fall Bulletin.

Having glanced at chapters all over the country it is time we cast a roving eye homeward. The president and executive secretary attended a gathering of the Lower Valley chapter at Martinsburg in May. Sue *Stribling* Snodgrass, '98, chairman, presided over the business meeting after the luncheon. Members had come from several neighboring towns and the pouring rains did not in any way dampen their ardent spirits.

The Lexington chapter was quite fortunate to have Miss Elizabeth Poole, Dean of Mary Baldwin, talk to them when they met on April 19th at the home of Miss Hope Stuart, '01, chairman of the chapter. Several new members were present and two prospective students were guests. Virginia *Moore* Faison, '14, presided over the tea table, lovely with its decorations of yellow and white.

And last but not least comes news of the home town chapter—Staunton. On June 25th the Staunton chapter gave a tea in honor of Mrs. Mapp, newly elected national president. At the business meeting preceding the tea, Anvilla *Prescott* Shultz, '32, was elected chairman; Maggie McChesney, '79, vice-chairman; Catherine *Hamrick* Bickle, '09, secretary and Mary Opie, '35, treasurer. A committee was appointed to study plans for a benefit in the fall and to suggest a project for the Staunton chapter. The report of this committee will be given in the early fall and from then on we can watch the Staunton chapter sweep into action.

Address to the New York Chapter

ELIZABETH *Hoon* CAWLEY, Dean of M. B. C. in 1936-37

I want you to know what a very great pleasure it is for me to be with you today. My delightful meetings with some of you in Staunton and our mutual ties with Mary Baldwin have made this an occasion to which I have been looking forward most eagerly for these past several weeks. It is a joy once again to be with those who are intensely interested in Mary Baldwin. And I am going to try to be very careful not to dampen your enthusiasm and ardor for the college by talking for long. You see, I don't want to have quite the collapsing effect upon you that a missions talk had on Mark Twain. At the beginning of the talk Mark Twain was so inspired that he planned to give to the collection the $400.00 he had in his pocket; but by the end of the long talk he was so bored that he stole ten cents from the collection plate. You can imagine what a sobering thought this is to me.

As I was thinking over what I might say to you this afternoon, it occurred to me that just possibly you might be interested in my reactions after a year at Mary Baldwin. A year in one place has both its drawbacks and its advantages: it is hardly a long enough period of time in which to come to know an institution thoroughly; on the other hand, possibly a more objective judgment can be formed. And so I want to tell you what *I* think of Mary Baldwin.

First of all, I think Mary Baldwin is signally fortunate in her faculty. The college has succeeded in assembling a faculty of unusual gifts. What is perhaps most remarkable about the faculty is the fact that not only are the professors scholars in their own fields, but they are deeply sensible of the responsibilities for the development of personality and character in the individual girls whom they teach. The active personal interest of the Mary Baldwin faculty in the students is one of the unique features of the college.

Mary Baldwin is particularly happy in the composition of her student body. In numbers and quality this problem has been admirably solved. The college has a vastly larger number of students applying for admission than it can accept. While the college has no desire to be much larger, this situation has resulted in the selection of a student body from year to year of unusually high calibre. And I would say more—during last year I met some of the loveliest girls I have ever known. I am sure that you as alumnæ would be very proud of them.

As for the physical plant of the college—that, I feel, constitutes Mary Baldwin's greatest problem. The college needs room very badly. The representative of the Association of American Universities, by which body we want to be accredited, stated in his report, upon a survey of the college recently, that he did not know of another institution in the country that was doing as good work with as limited facilities; but that the Association would be unable to accredit us until better provision was made in the way of additional space for academic work. The college, of course, has been aware of its limitations for some years and it would seem that now is the time to build. The needs are many—an academic building, auditorium, gymnasium, fine arts hall, dormitory, dining room, club house—but if even one or two could be erected now, they would relieve the congestion greatly. Could an adequate physical plant and endowment

be provided, the permanence of the institution could be guaranteed and Mary Baldwin's opportunities would be unlimited. Mary Baldwin senses very definitely the challenge of the problem—namely, the problem of providing physical equipment and endowment to such a degree that the present work and ideals of the college may be perpetuated for the benefit of future generations.

A year on the campus of Mary Baldwin has shown me how vital it is that this future be assured. I now can understand why the college should have an unbroken tradition of nearly 100 years, and why Miss Mary Julia Baldwin should have given 34 years of her life to this institution. I can understand why others who have followed and more particularly why our present able president and my predecessor and successor should have contributed of their best to this school. I think it is because our college has as its ideals certain values that are imperishable, that survive the generations because they are rooted in the heart of things. Only too often women's colleges are merely cultural or intellectual and fail to encourage a sense of moral responsibility. On the other extreme is the strict denominational college which is bounded by so narrow a point of view that the lives of its student are warped. But Mary Baldwin believes that the highest life comes from a recognition of all the great values. Though the interpretation of and the emphasis on these values may have varied with the years, Mary Baldwin's tradition, her present strength, and her future lie in the ideals for which she has stood in the past and which she would realize in the years to come.

First of these is a high standard of intellectual attainment achieved through a vigorous scholarship. This is an end that has been maintained as a part of our educational program since the days of Miss Baldwin. You alumnæ have held that standard high throughout the years, and the college today in turn is trying to keep faith with that ideal. The curriculum has been constructed to encourage our girls to attain knowledge, to learn scientific technique by which they can acquire knowledge for themselves, to learn to think for themselves and to solve their own problems, to develop an interest and an intellectual curiosity that will be with them throughout their lives. And the value that underlies this is of course the ultimate one of *truth* which is one of the sustaining forces of our lives if we devote ourselves to it.

The second of the values which has been identified with Mary Baldwin from her earliest days onward and which you alumnæ have transmitted is a program of liberal culture. The college realizes that in this tradition which the alumnæ of Mary Baldwin have established, it possesses a value that makes it richer by far than many institutions with their millions of endowment. That heritage which recognizes the significance of cultural elements in a girl's life, poise and charm of manner and a deep concern for others—the college will preserve. As you may know, the students live under a system of student government. While the administation by this means wants to develop in them a sense of personal responsibility and self reliance, at the same time it appreciates the safeguards which have been thrown round the students in times past and which have preserved for the college a cultural and social background that has enriched the lives of its undergraduates. These will not be abandoned.

Besides carefully governing the social life of its students, the college is encouraging them to take advantage of aesthetic and cultural influences which will

broaden their lives—the charm of the country and campus, provision for the study of art, music, and drama, a lecture and concert series, club activities and social events of various kinds—through all of which they can learn to recognize the best and appreciate the beauty in nature and in art. For the value which underlies all of this is the eternal one of *beauty* that everywhere gives life meaning.

Finally, the noblest ideal that has claimed the daughters of Mary Baldwin throughout the years and which constitutes the greatest worth that we would have for our girls today is the encouragement of a moral responsibility that springs from Christian principles. Throughout the years the most significant values for which Mary Baldwin has stood, which you as alumnæ have contributed to Mary Baldwin, have been enduring spiritual values that can be summed up in a life which gets its meaning and purpose from a Christian interpretation of life. And today the college is trying to make very real that value to its students. There are vespers and church services, discussion groups, social service activities, and an annual religious emphasis week—all operating in an atmosphere that is essentially Christian—which can help them to realize the importance of solving their problems and determining their courses of conduct according to Christian principles, which can help them to find their greatest happiness in the way of service to others. The ideal of moral *goodness* is the fairest of all the values that make bright our past and lighten our path into the future.

We remember, then, this afternoon these three, the greatest of which is goodness, or love. As these ideals have made honorable our past, as they have administered to the generations of those who have come and gone through Mary Baldwin, so let us hope that they will be preserved to minister to the girls of the generations to come.

Acknowledgment is made to Nellie *Hotchkiss* Holmes, '74, for the splendid life of Mary Julia Baldwin which appeared in the last issue of the NEWS LETTER. Mrs. Holmes, who now lives at 16 Legare Street, Charleston, S. C., has been a very valuable member of the Alumnæ Association since its founding and has served it in numerous capacities, including that of president. She has also written a history of Augusta Female Seminary, which is equally as good as her life of Miss Baldwin. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Holmes for the outstanding contributions she has made to the Mary Baldwin Alumnæ Association.

Again a Mary Baldwin alumna figured prominently in the news of the month when Grace *Rarden* Doherty, '99, in recognition of her extensive charitable works, was given an honorary degree of doctor of philanthropy by the University of Miami in Florida.

The degree of doctor of pedagogy was conferred upon Fanny Taylor, '82, by King's College, Bristol, Tennessee, for "33 years of Christian service at Lees McRae College," which is located at Banner Elk, N. C.

Alumna Writes of Her Years in Virginia Executive Mansion

In her recently published book entitled "Four Years in the Governor's Mansion of Virginia, 1910-1914," Etta *Donnan* Mann (Mrs. William Hodges), of Petersburg, one of Mary Baldwin's most distinguished alumnæ, describes with interesting detail the days when her husband was governor of Virginia and she was the popular First Lady.

Several allusions are made to Woodrow Wilson, who was born in Staunton at the Manse, until recently the property of Mary Baldwin, and was baptized in the building which is now the college chapel, but was then the First Presbyterian Church of which Wilson's father was pastor.

Mrs. Mann knew Woodrow Wilson when she was a student at Mary Baldwin and the future president was a law student at the University of Virginia. She gives the following account of her acquaintance with Mr. Wilson:

"I graduated there (at Mary Baldwin) when Governor Wilson was studying law at the University of Virginia and used to get glimpses of 'Cousin Tom' when he came over to visit his charming cousin, Miss Hattie Woodrow, who was my best friend. I took the four years' course in two years, besides giving a great deal of time to music. Miss Woodrow had the honor to play on one grand piano and I on the other at commencement. When my diploma with the number of subjects I had taken was read out, Governor Wilson remarked: 'That girl did well,' which compliment I have treasured all the years and now feel prouder than ever of it as it came from our next President of the United States."

Referring to the home-coming and birthday party for Mr. Wilson in his birthplace, Staunton, December, 1912, after his election as President, Mrs. Mann records in her journal: "I am so glad to go because I particularly desire to be present at the reception given at Mary Baldwin Seminary, my alma mater."

Later Mrs. Mann makes some comments on the home-coming which are of interest to Staunton and Mary Baldwin because of the graphic description of this historic event. She says:

"Staunton looked like a fairyland. White columns about forty feet apart, decorated with holly and cedar, were linked together with brilliant electric lights. The street being narrow and Staunton so hilly, it was a beautiful spectacle to look from the top of one hill away up to a hill at the opposite side, through a path of light. Mrs. Wilson said it reminded her of an Eastern city.

"The Governor and his wife were taken at once to the Manse. It is now occupied by Dr. Fraser and his family. It is a quaint, pretty home, with its white columns and porch in front and so comfortable within. It looks spotless with its freshcoat of white paint, put on in the President-to-be's honor. After staying a while at Governor Echols' house, we thought we would like to see something of Staunton in its gala attire, so Governor Echols took us in his victoria

through the brilliantly lighted streets; when we passed the Virginia hotel nothing would suffice save a speech from Governor Mann, which he made, most admirably, from the upper balcony. I am always proud of my good husband. We were then very glad to get back to Governor Echols' house and go to bed, for the next day, the 28th, is to be a busy one.

" . . . Immediately after the parade we went to the Manse, where Governor Mann and I were invited to lunch with Governor and Mrs. Wilson. . . . At three o'clock we were at Mary Baldwin Seminary, where from the front porch of this honored building the speeches were made. Dr. Fraser's speech was a gem."

"Governor Wilson made a beautiful speech, service being its watchword. The crowds surged in front of the seminary, climbed over the porches, and broke the shrubbery, in their intense desire to see and hear the President. He then came in the building and held a public reception. I was so delighted to find my old friend, Flora Miller, in the crowd; we stood together, holding each other's hands all during the speaking, and longed for our old friend, Hattie Woodrow; we were all students at the seminary when the President was taking his law course at the University of Virginia.

"After shaking hands with Miss Weimar and Miss Strickler, Mrs. Wilson and I had to hurry away to change our dresses for a reception of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the D. A. R., which was held at Stuart Hall.

"That night the birthday banquet took place at Staunton Military Academy, and the ladies were permitted to come in and hear the toasts. Mr. Caperton Braxton was toastmaster ,and made a most admirable one.

"Bishop O'Connell made the invocation and Dr. Fraser pronounced the benediction. The beautiful birthday cake, with its fifty-six candles, was sent to Mrs. Wilson."

Later in the book, Mrs. Mann refers to the visit of two of her former Mary Baldwin friends to her in Richmond, saying, "My old friends and schoolmates, Flora *McElwee* Miller and Hattie *Woodrow* Wells are with me and we are having a jolly time renewing our youth and schooldays at Mary Baldwin Seminary, where we were comrades for two years. Tonight we are going to have to tea with us Maria Abbott Cary, who graduated with us. We are very proud of our alma mater and hope it will soon be made a college, for it can stand with the best in the country."

The next day she said in her diary: "Today I had taken the girls out sightseeing and when we got in we found a most beautiful basket of flowers, sent by Maria for the 'seminary girls.' "

Mrs. Mann was delighted when Mary Baldwin was made a four-year college in 1923. She has been a loyal and enthusiastic alumna, always working for the best interests of the institution and always adding lustre to her alma mater's name through her own accomplishments. Not long ago she wrote "I love the old seminary and I am glad it has been made into a college."

In addition to having been one of Virginia's most popular First Ladies, Mrs. Mann has been one of the prominent leaders in the Southern Presbyterian Church. She also took an important part in the temperance movement. She attended Mary Baldwin in 1879 and 1880.

Alumnae Returning For Commencement

1882
Fannie K. Taylor
1896
Josephine *Stephenson* Boyer
1900
Kate *Hoge* Davidson
1901
Hope Stuart
1906
Hester *Paschall* Moffitt
1910
Ruth *Lavell* Phipps
1913
Georgia *Hull* Herbert
1925
Eleanor *Eastman* Fenwick
1926
Elizabeth Brown
1927
Wyllhart *Bayliss* Shepherd
1928
Mary Stuart Brown
1929
Catherine *Crafton* Fenne
1930
Marshall *Penick* West
1931
Ruth See
1932
Alene *Brewster* Larner
Polly *Gavin* Atkinson
1933
Peg *DeMund* Vanderbeek
Charlotte Taylor
Margaret Grabill
Frances Tabb
Bettty Buel
Mary Buck
Lib *Wilson* Steele
1934
Champe *Parrish* Hall
Mary Lou McCutcheon
Mary Borden Wallace
1935
Mary Blake
Mary Bell *Archer* Mapp
Virginia Roudabush
Helen Miller
1936
Nancy Wallace
Janet Duthie
Nellie Hankins
Mary Delia Nichols
1937
Anne Franklin Harrison
Betty Marks
Blessing Whitmore
Charlotte Bell
Ellen Morris Jones
Freda Hewes
Mary Louise *Welton* Enzian
Rebecca Cockrell
Virginia Gantt
Jane Jeffrey
Lynette *Stallcup* Anderson
1938
Agnes *McClung* Coiner
Beth *Ranson* Woltman
1939
Katherine von Keller Bretch
Emily Ann Sparks
1941
Elizabeth Clayberger

Woodrow Wilson's Birthplace to be National Shrine

"The Manse," birthplace of Woodrow Wilson, in Staunton, will be purchased by the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace Foundation, Inc., from Mary Baldwin, for $25,000. The organization is headed by Mrs. Cordell Hull, wife of the Secretary of State, as president, and by the two Virginia Senators, Carter Glass, and Harry Floyd Byrd, as vice-presdents. Jesse H. Jones, of Washington, will serve as treasurer and Mrs. Emily Smith, of Staunton, as secretary and assistant treasurer. Headquarters of the organization will be in Staunton. Its announced purpose is to set apart forever the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson as a national shrine "dedicated to the aims and ideals and purpose for which Woodrow Wilson lived and died—that men of every nation and all times might have a fairer opportunity to enjoy the fruits of democracy and thus be the better enabled to attain the mental, moral and spiritual development intended for them by their Divine Creator."

Class Personals

1862-1920

Nellie *Wise* Moore, '62, died February 19th in her 93rd year. The following is a copy in part of the beautiful tribute paid her by her pastor: "It is not my purpose here to speak her eulogy. That has been written in the hearts and minds of all who, more privileged than I, have known her through the years. It is enough for me to say that she has left to us a priceless heritage both in her children who enrich our Church and in the inspiration of her long and lovely life. No truer tribute could be paid than this: she was a gracious, kindly, cultured, Christian gentlewoman; true to the best traditions of the South she knew and loved so well. . . . Not every life is an unfinished symphony. When one has beautifully worn for fourscore and ten the white flower of a lovely life; a life of high intellectual attainment, living service, sunlit humor, and Christian character, then life becomes a perfect harmony, a swelling chorus growing ever sweeter, richer as the years go by until the final chord comes as a quiet benediction on a life well lived."

Mary *Cupp* Thomas, '72, died at her home in Staunton in June.

The Washington Chapter was saddened this year by the death of one of their beloved members—Katie *Bibb* DuBose, '73.

The Alumnæ Association extends its sincere sympathy to Ida *Smith* Austin, '76, for the loss of her husband on May 3rd. Mr. Valery Austin had had a very prominent part in the upbuilding and development of Galveston, Texas, where he was affiliated with all cultural, religious and civic movements for the betterment of that city.

Clara *Kennedy* Burney, '77, has been quite sick with pneumonia, but we are glad to say that she is now recuperating.

Elizabeth *Wood* Wilson, '77, was recently operated on in Baltimore for an appendicitis.

Emma *Plecker* Cassell, '80, has returned from a trip to Detroit, where she attended the convention of the King's Daughters. This month she went as a delegate to the Institute of Public Affairs held at the University of Virginia.

Word was received in Staunton in Februay of the death of Margaret *Marton* LeFils, '82, which occurred at her home in Jacksonville, Fla.

We were very glad to hear something concerning Sophia *Peck* Graham and her husband, who have been missionaries in China for many years. They have retired from active missionary work but expect to continue living in China, in spite of the fact that they have been twice evacuated by the Japanese invasion. We are indebted for this information to Catherine Riddle, '15, at D Raleigh Square, Norfolk, Va.

Pauline *Stewart* Crosely, '85, has returned to this country and has spent part of the spring in Baltimore, where her husband has been in the hospital.

Lizzie *Michie* Johnson, '81, visited the college this month. Her address now is 1730 Irving Street, Washington, D. C.

Sallie *Davidson* Curtis, '87, stopped by Mary Baldwin when she was in Virginia this summer.

Elizabeth *Fitz* Smith, '89, wife of Reverend J. Hamilton Smith, of Potttstown, Pa., died December 16, 1937. "To her intimates she was "Fairy Fitz," gifted, lovely and pure; her early life was spent in Martinsburg, W. Va., where she endeared herself to a large circle of friends. Among her treasures her sister Stella prizes the two medals she received at the 'Seminary' for music years ago."

We were very glad to welcome Janette *Baker* Felter, '91, to the Alumnæ office a few days ago while she was visiting in Staunton.

Ethel Kemper, '98, died June 1 in Staunton.

Rosa *Watkins* Wells, '00, from Jackson, Mississippi, was a visitor at Mary Baldwin in May.

Jennie *Evans* Roberts ,'04, also visited the college at that time.

Hilda *White* Reiber, '06, a member of the Pittsburg Chapter, was in Staunton a few weeks ago.

Winifred *Morris* McCosh, '06, was another alumna returning this spring.

Phœbe Genevieve *Lee* Herold, '07, has moved from Sutton, W. Va., to the Virginia Apts., Market Street, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Margaret *Cunningham* Craig, '07, was another of those who saw Mary Baldwin in all her loveliness this spring.

Nannie Timberlake Dillon, '12, has made her

home at 2310 Kelton Avenue, West Los Angeles, California.

Anne *Riddle* Harrison, '13, has been traveling in India for the past six months, with her husband. She expects to return to England, which is now her home, very shortly. She has two children, Thomas James Carleton and Mary Virginia Harrison.

To Pauline *Anderson* Cummings, '14, the Alumnæ Association extends its deepest sympathy. Her husband, Dr. Robert Cummings, a prominent citizen of Detroit, Mich., died a short time ago.

Jeanne Woodbridge, '19, has married J. A. Duff, who is manager for General Motors in Shanghai, China.

1920-1931

Eleanor McCreery Payne, '20, was married to Luther L. Scherer, March 29th, at Clearwater, Florida. Their home is located at 66 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, W. Va.

Margaret *Fee* Doering, '21, has moved to 9104 Franklin Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Margaret Frances *Carleton* Compton, '21, is living at 1333 Glen Avenue, Augusta, Georgia.

Margaret *Spragins* Howell, '22, announced the birth of a son, Andrew J., born the 20th of January.

Dorothy *George* Miller, '22, is making her home at 8719 Second Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Jane *Dennis* Tears, '24, now lives at 1045 El Camino Road, Burlingame, California.

Audrey *Blackford* Higgs, '25, has moved to Staunton and is delighted to be back again.

Katherine Vinyard Huff, '26, is now the wife of Dr. James Thomas Tucker. She was married the 15th of June and will make her home at the Tuckahoe Apartments, Richmond, Virginia.

Virginia *Walthour* Conklin, '26, is now living in Brevard, N. C.

Elizabeth *Heimbach* Nicholson, '26, is living at the Americus Hotel, Allentown, Pa.

Nancy Trott, '27, is now Mrs. Gordon Talmadge and lives in New York City.

Margaret *Ward* Floyd, '26, has a little daughter, Nancy Lee, born March 8th.

Our sincerest sympathy to Bertha *Goodman* Gingras, '27, who lost both her mother and father recently. Her son, Hugh Emile, is about a year old now.

Elsie *Carleton* Lawton, '28, gave birth to a son, Charles Evans III, on April 22nd.

Helen Elizabeth *Carleton* Moon, '28, who is now living at Bull Run Road Trenton, New Jersey, also gave birth to a son, Daniel, May 16th.

Since her marriage, Helen *Morrison* Booker, '29, has been living at 620 Chestnut Avenue, Waynesboro, Va.

Elizabeth *East* Richmond, '29, has changed her address to Perkeley Lane, Riverside, Connecticut.

Mary Ford *Child* Foster, '29, though still living in Pennsylvania, has moved from Swarthmore to 44 Brown Place, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Lena *Jones* Craig, '29, asks that her NEWS LETTER be sent to Cragmoor, Roebuck, South Carolina, as that is now her permanent address.

Mary Blackley, '29, has just returned from Cambridge, Maryland, where she was a bridesmaid in her brother's wedding.

Mary Moore Pancake, '29, after a very exciting, successful winter in New York, is spending the summer at home, but is planning to return to New York in the fall.

Grayson Baldwin, '29, married Henry Elliott Ketchin, Jr., May 12, in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church in Durham, N. C.

Louella *Torrence* Kirk, '29, does solo work in the First Presbyterian Church in Buffalo. Her husband is a deacon there and they are very active members.

Kathryn *Sulton* Sass, '29, has three children. They are living in their lovely home in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Bessie Lewis, '30, has changed her address to 1010 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, Va.

Virginia Dickerson, '30, visited Wilhelmina *Eskridge* Beard this spring.

The address of Elizabeth Woods ,'30, has changed from New York City to Kunsan Hospital, Kunsan, Korea.

Mary Louise Timberlake, '30, was married to Mr. Robert Passingham, on Saturday, May 21st, at Jacksonville, Florida.

Mary Bair Bowman, '31, returned to Mary Baldwin for Commencement.

Laura Martin Jarman, '31, spent a few days in Staunton in July and then went on to Harvard for the summer.

Ruth See was another of '31 to return for Commencement.

1932

Being class secretary isn't always a thankless job, because I have received very interesting letters from some of you.

On one of the cards which I sent out, reminding some of the classmates that it was again time for news, I added a P. S. in which I stated that I did not expect an answer. It worked—and I actually got the surprise of my life when Hutch responded with news to help fill the column—an interesting account, too. On Decoration Day she departed from Chicago with her family for a three-week trip to California. The American Psychiatric Association met in San Francisco and Mr. Hutchings was inducted into the presidency. Can't blame Hutch for not wanting to miss that event and at the same time have a grand trip, which, of course, she did—traveling in a special train, what style and luxury! They went the southern route, stopping off to visit Grand Canyon, Los Angeles, Yosemite National Park and back the Northern route visiting Portland, Seattle and Glacier National Park. Her only regret was that she didn't have time to go fishing in some of the beautiful streams. Personally I'm glad she didn't, for that will be news for another time. Incidentally, Hutch has another week of vacation in July, which she plans to spend in Georgia—melting.

The beautiful Skyline Drive being especially lovely in May, was the route which "Dess," her husband and oldest daughter took on their way to Waynesboro to visit Knox over Decoration Day. While they were there, Villa entertained at dinner for them. Knoxes living in Waynesboro, Va., has made it possible for she and Villa to see one another frequently.

February 10th found Emily Logan moving into their new home of Early American Architecture, built of native grey limestone on a four-acre lot which includes a beautiful natural pine grove. There are twelve rooms, the basement has a large recreation room finished with knotty western pine and stone fireplace. The third floor is finished into one large room of paneled plywood filled with Early American furniture. To make the home life complete she has a baby girl named Linda Lee who was born last October.

Jean *Bonar* Brown and her husband spent last August in the South, stopping off to visit the College and on to Roanoke to visit "Toots" Draper.

Members of our class are still being married. Dot Newman joined the ranks last September when she became Mrs. R. Deane Blair, and is now living at Wheeling Avenue, Glendale, W. Va., in their lovely new home. And speaking of weddings—I had an invitation to T's (Theresa Worthing—if you want to put that in) who married George C. Peverley, the 25th of June. It was an evening wedding at the Emmanuel Church, Bel Air, Maryland.

Our best wishes and congratulations to Frances *Crafton* Shelton, who has a son, David, Jr., born June 9th. It seems that babies and homes go hand in hand, for last August Frances moved into their new house which they built on Alleghany Avenue in Staunton. Cay Crafton, who is now Mrs. S. B. Fenne, has moved to Tifton, Georgia. Her husband being with the University of Georgia as Extension plant pathologist, Cay visited her sister, Frances, over the Commencement season.

Another Stauntonian, namely, Alene *Brewster* Larner, spent the winter with her family, but recently moved to Lexington, Va., where they will make their home, as her husband has been transferred from Waynesboro.

Even though Trib Miller is up to her ears in work she took time out to answer my plea for news and say that she is a candidate for a degree from Peabody Library School in August. Trib finds the work interesting and never regrets that she entered the field of library work. For the past two years she has been librarian in the Covington High School and expects to resume that position in September. At one of the district teachers meetings in September Kathryn saw Mary Bell *Archer* Mapp with her husband, who addressed the home economics teachers group, as he is connected with the N.Y.A. project. Trib spent a week-end with Mary Margaret Lee this spring, and says that Mary Margaret is working in the office of two bachelor lawyers. I guess they keep Lee busy, and that is probably why we don't hear more often from her.

May I personally thank each one of you for your hearty co-operation in helping to make our news column one of interest by writing me news of your whereabouts. I hope the rest of you will be fortunate enough to build homes, have babies, travel or work for another

degree, for it seems that unless you accomplish one of the above mentioned you don't think your daily routine is interesting enough to write about. However, that isn't true, for we are always glad to hear about each of you and your doings, no matter how trite they may seem to you.

I'm living up to a reputation of changing addresses as frequently as possible. Now it's Buffalo, and Scripps Howard is still helping us meet the bills. Until further advised, write me at 193 Ashland Avenue.

"SEEMIE."

About an hour before the NEWS LETTER went to the printers, who should pay us a visit but Hutch in person. She was on her way home from Atlanta and stopped off again for the night. She covered the ground thoroughly, and was mighty impressed with the new improvements.

1933

Dear '33:

A genuine, life-sized, master's degree to those few of you who actually got to the reunion, and heartfelt sympathy to those who missed it. It was a heart-warming experience to get back to Mary Baldwin and live through all the well-loved, ever-remembered Commencement activities. With all due respect to our class and to our predecessors, I must say that the Commencement Pageant (May Day to you, '33) gets bigger and better every year. Hail, all hail, Miss Powell! Charming, beruffled Vienese coquettes and dashing Austrian officers waltzed gaily to the tunes of numerous Strauss waltzes, utterly disregarding those famous terraces, which, after five years, had us decrepit alumnæ stymied. And the Senior Class dresses were diaphanous white lace creations in sharp contrast to the old-gold taffetas which stifled us in '33.

We gossiped, reminisced, and Oh'ed and Ah'ed at the numerous changes and improvements. If you alumnæ who will some day (we hope!) be returning want a real shock, climb the steps to Hill Top, circle around it and feast your eyes on the "President's Home."

There was so much to see, so much to do, so much to admire, that I can't half do it justice. You'll have to experience it yourselves, and you'd better do it soon or you won't recognize the place.

You 33's will recall that Mr. Will Durant, on the occasion of our Commencement, asked us the purely rhetorical question "Is it progress or change?" May I answer him now at the safe distance of five years and say "But definitely, Mr. Durant, in the case of Mary Baldwin it is *progress!*"

Probably for us the pièce de resistance of the entire week-end was the awarding of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award to our good friends, Miss Nancy and Miss Abbie. Since they were part of the college when we were, and meant a lot to each of us, individually, the entire proceedings came alive with that announcement and we were all right in there with '38 mopping away our tears and applauding.

I wish I could tell you of all the old friends we saw. (Mr. King kissed me on Main Street!) Perhaps if I don't and also don't tell you all the confidential secrets Dr. Jarman told the alumnæ of his plans for the college—perhaps then, next time we send out a call for a reunion you'll rally around and all be there.

And another item—It only takes a penny postal to say, I, Mary Brown, married John Smith, am living in N. Y., am working at Macy's and have twin daughters! Please, '33, let's have your news items.

Hopefully and affectionately,

BETTY BUEL.

Catherine *Crockett* Cole, '33, has moved to Holly Cottage, York Road, Aiken, S. C. Her family is keeping her so busy that she has not much time for news gathering.

Kitty Ried sailed June 10th for England, where she hopes to study and attend lectures and plays at Stratford and possibly do some work at Oxford.

Mildred Coleman has moved to Glen Rock, Pennsylvania.

Liz *Wilson* Steele is rejoicing in the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Brownlee.

Marriages and babies seem to be quite the thing in the class of '33. Sara George *Harris* Hanger is another of the mothers in this class.

Jean Higbee is now Mrs. Joe Whitley.

Mildred Keane was married to Mr. Edward McGinnis and is living at 524 Cherangs Street, Binghamton, N. Y.

Virginia *Bragg* Bradwell has just moved into her new home at 6738 Field House Way, Mariemont, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jean Brehm has a splendid job with the Du Pont Laboratories in Wilmington, Del.

Martha *Bell* Wood sent her best wishes to all the class of '33 at their reunion and was mighty sorry that Toledo was so far from Staunton.

Betty Buel was back for Commencement and had a fine time. She made an excellent toastmistress and is all in favor of reunions.

Peg *DeMund* Vanderbeek was here for Commencement, looking her usual smooth self. Peg has moved to 600 Franklin Ave., Midland Park, N. J.

Ruth Frazer is working in the State Tax Commissioner's Office in Charleston, W. Va. She took time off for a lovely cruise some time ago and is looking forward to another one.

Margaret Grabill and Frances Tabb visited Charlottte Taylor during Commencement.

Ruth Hopewell was teaching this winter in Arlington, Va., and couldn't get away in time for a trip to Mary Baldwin. Better luck next time, Ruth.

Margaret *King* Hardaman and son have come from Colorado for a visit in Staunton.

Gladys Lyles sent her regrets that she was not able to be here for her reunion, but she had been vacationing for two months in Florida and had just returned home.

Ginny Manson was in Richmond for a little while this spring, but is back in Baltimore now. She is planning to spend her vacation this summer at Atlantic City. That sounds good to us, especially when we are sweltering here with the mercury at a boiling point.

Sally Ruhe attended the graduation of her brother in Michigan this spring and that is why she couldn't favor us with her presence here.

Martha Simmons was another who sent her best wishes to the class, though she was unable to be present herself.

It was great to get a letter (a veritable masterpiece it was) from Barbara Smith. It takes a five-year reunion to drag one from her. Smith is certainly the business woman as personal shopper for Bonwit Teller. She was mighty sorry she couldn't get here, but she hopes she will have more success next time.

Christine Armstrong was all ready to come and join the fun when she was detained by the death of her uncle.

Kitty *Shankweiler* Heydt and her husband have moved into their new home in suburban Allentown. Kitty says the only thing wrong is that the wild rabbits eat off all her new plants.

The surprise of Commencement was the return of Bertie *Hopkins* Thomas after an absence of seven years. The class of '33 was mighty glad to see her.

Though not many of the class were able to be present for their reunion, the letters and messages that they sent showed that they were with us in spirit at any rate. It was certainly fun to hear from so many of you, but please don't wait until your ten-year reunion to write again.

1934

Emily Timberlake was married February 12, in Emmanuel Episcopal Church. A background of cybotium ferns, palms, evergreens, and calla lilies was effectively arranged on the altar and cathedral candles were used in the chancel. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a formal wedding gown with short train. The yoke of chantilly lace was cut with a high neck, and the sleeves were long, pointed over the wrists. Her veil of illusion fell from a coronet of lace, caught on either side of the head with orange blossoms. She carried gardenias and valley lilies. Kitty Drummond was the maid of honor.

Betty Bowman was married April 6th to Mr. Claude Berwick Duval. They are living at Houma, Louisiana.

Betty *Schutz* Mitchell, 1202 Round Hill Rd., Northwood, Baltimore, Md., has a son, born the latter part of March.

Isabel *Briola* Kivlighan's third son, James Richard, was born in June.

Babe *Smith* Kinney is now living in her new home at 309 South Wellesley, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Bessie Stollenwerck spoke at one of the Mary Baldwin chapel programs on "Trends in Social Work in Richmond." Needless to say it was a splendid talk and one which the girls all enjoyed very much.

Matilda Haynes writes that she has been deputy Circuit Clerk in Lake Village, Arkansas, for the past three years and is very pleased with the work. She was in Richmond some time ago, but didn't get to come by Staunton

Louise *McDonald* Kiracofe is organist at Emmanuel Church and is conducting a music class also.

Frances Woolford's New York address is 370 E. 50th St., New York City.

Thelma Hulvey is now Mrs. Frank Charles Meyer and is living at 1 Court Apartment, Charlottesville, Va.

Janice *Moyer* Ochs' new address is 28 N. 8th St., Allentown, Pa., and she's very domestic.

1935

Dear Class of '35:

News seems to be scarcer than ever this time, despite my continued pleading by means of post cards to those who seem to have disappeared from M. B. C. publications for good.

However, there are two spring weddings to report. On May twenty-fifth, Bev Hoy was married to the Reverend Boyd R. Howarth, of Arlington, Virginia. Bev's attendants were four of her friends in Petersburg. Her new address is South Wayne Street, Arlington, Virginia, in which city Mr. Howarth is rector of Trinity Episcopal Church. According to newspaper clippings, Bev also received her master of science degree from the Richmond Division of William and Mary in June.

Winnie Goodman was married in June to Ensign Charles H. Turner, U. S. N., of Savannah, Georgia. Winnie graduated from Farmville State Teachers College in 1935, and her husband is an Annapolis graduate, Class of 1935, and has been attached to the U. S. S. *Yorktown* for the past year. At present they are stationed at Pensacola, Florida.

Frances *Knight* Vanderslice has moved to Charlottesville, and her address is 14 Monroe Apartments, Brandon Avenue. Frances writes that she and her husband were at Newport News for Winnie Goodman's wedding.

Sarah Click graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in June. She plans to enter the Drama School at Yale University next fall.

Mary Virginia *Clark* Marks tells me that she has had to stay close to her home since May fifteenth, when Henry Mortimer Marks III arrived. She says that she is grooming him for S. M. A. and V. M. I. already. Mary Virginia still lives in Augusta ,at 1106 Anthony Road.

Our class should be justly proud of another of its members—congratulations from us to Mary Bell *Archer* Mapp upon being elected President of the Alumnæ Association. She'll do a grand job, and we're all pulling with her in this new undertaking.

Jane *Barnes* Ruffin and her husband are touring the South this summer, and recently visited Virginia *Pointer* Nichols in Hampton, Vrginia.

Best wishes, and do let me hear from you soon.

Evvy.

I have managed to glean a few extra morsels here and there about the '35ers. Rosa *Phipps* Williford has moved to West Virginia, where her husband has a charge. I don't know about many of the class babies, but Rosa certainly has a prize one.

Helen Miller taught part of this year at Craigsville, Virginia. It didn't seem to wear her down, as she is looking forward to it again in the fall.

Peggy Lunsford was in the office not long ago. She has finished a business course at Dunsmore and is ready to enter the business world.

LaRue *Prideaux* Hall has moved to Chicago and is living at 1040 W. Sheridan Road.

Evvy was too modest to mention the fact that she had returned to the old stamping grounds for Easter week-end. It certainly did seem natural to have her here. Lois Jane has paid one or two flying visits, but most of her spare time is spent in Richmond. Ellen Douglas was planning to come up for Commencement, but she just couldn't leave V. P. I., where the Finals were most successful. Our friend Blake also represented the class there. She stopped by a minute at the alumnæ office and I must say she was looking mighty smooth in her old age.

Peggy Russell is certainly the plutocrat of the class, as she is off on one of the Boyd Brown tours for the summer. Her itinerary includes France, Italy, Germany, Holland, England, and Scotland. Sounds good to us!

Mary Opie is now working as society editor for the Staunton paper. She was recently elected treasurer of the Staunton alumnæ chapter.

Amine Cosby was crowned queen of the potato festival on Eastern Shore this spring.

Leona Bowman writes that she is a Senior now at Johns Hopkins Training School and will finish in February. She is going to be on hand for the 1942 celebration in spite of famine, fire, or flood.

Jessie Bear is spending the summer studying at Harrisonburg.

Flash! Flash! Just as we go to press comes news of the engagement of Louis Martin. Her picture was shining forth in the Washington paper and a very fine picture it was. The name of the lucky gentleman is Ivon Delmar Rohrer, of Hagerstown, Md., who attended Duke Universty. The date of the wedding has not yet been announced.

Mem Cornell had a very, very pleasant vacation this winter when she visited Ann Holeman and Gerda Quelch. Mem things North Carolina is a mighty fine state.

Martha *Logan* Crissman has moved to her new home on 63 Stranthmore Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

1936

Dear Class of '36:

This is one of your shorter epistles, as very little news has leaked in to me concerning you this summer. I hope you will try to drop me a card now and then to let me know what you are doing and how you are, so that we may keep in touch with one another in this way.

The Class was well represented at the meeting of the New York Chapter of the Mary Baldwin Alumnæ Association held at the George Washington Hotel in New York City, this spring. Jean *Hebbard* Palmer, Jane Shaler, Helen Wade, Jane Dewey and your secretary were all present. The meeting was most enjoyable for all of us.

A tiny reunion of the class was held almost by accident when Sarah Dudley Whitmore, Lucilla White, Janet Duthie, Jane Dewey and I exchanged news over plates of spaghetti in New York one evening. It was almost like old times.

Mary Delia Nichols, Janet Duthie, Dorothy Bear, Lucilla White, and your secretary attended Commencement exercises at Mary Baldwin in June. Mary Delia was snatching a hasty week-end between her work in the Child Guidance Clinic in Washington and another term of summer school at Smith College; she managed to miss a train and stay over for the Alumnæ Banquet. We saw her off at the station a few hours later. She is planning to begin work in Boston in the fall, as a social case worker.

Emily Goodwin spent her vacation in Maine, and is now back at Johns Hopkins, continuing her course in nursing.

Maxie *Wright* Ball continues to travel with her husband. Their headquarters are in Farmville, Va. She is star witness at golf matches and combines her sports activities with housekeeping.

Lucilla White is working as director of religious education at a church in Wilmington, N. C. Sarah Dudley Whitmore has a similar position in Charlotte, N. C. Both received their M.R.E. degrees from the Assembly's Training School in Richmond, Va., this spring.

I am hoping to have more news for you in the fall. Until then, here's hoping the summer will be a pleasant one for all of you.

NANCY WALLACE.

Emily Saunders was married to Daniel Zimmerman, Jr., in December. The news reached us too late for the last issue of the Bulletin. Mr. Zimmerman is a brother of Catherine *Zimmerman* Kriete, '34. Emily and her husband are living at 2410 Lakeview Ave., Richmond.

Katharine Jones was married April 23rd at Markham, Virginia, to Mr. Theodore Clay Lake of Marshall, Va. Returning from a wedding trip through Texas to California, they are living at "Rosebank," Markham, Va. Nellie Hankins and Mary Blake were at the wedding.

Mary Forrest became Mrs. Emily Pragoft this spring and is still living in Wilmington, Delaware, as far as we know.

Rumor has reached us that Glenda Kaufman is also married, but we do not know the lucky man's name.

Dot *Hoage* King and Peggy *Drew* Knight are both proud mothers.

Virginia *Crawford* Poteet has moved to 515 Second Avenue, St. Albans, W. Va.

Ora *Ehmling* Ehmann's correct address is 503 Kathmere Road, Upper Darby, Pa.

Nancy Stanard is one who believes in putting all she can into her 24-hour day. What with Mardi Gras, twenty-five Girl Scouts, housekeeping, temporary work, etc., we just don't see how she does it. Nancy went to a wedding in St. Louis this summer, but she is planning

to come back here next year at Commencement. Grace Crowe and Helen Simpson visited her this spring.

Middie Huffman is another of the gadabouts. She spent a good part of the time in Florida with Cupie and Hattie Jayne. While there she saw Doris Benson, Frances Edwards, and several other M. B. C. girls. Margaret Hunt, Annie Terrell, and Betty Curry visited her in April, so all in all it sounds as if Middie has had a merry time this year.

Jane Rice has had a gift shop and rental library, but she sold it recently and is settling down to a summer of loafing and laziness. Have fun, Jane.

Another reunion of the class of '36 took place here in April when Helen Waide, Nancy Wallace, Betty Chamberlain, and Jane Dewey drove down from New York, Sarah Dyess drove up from Augusta, and Sarah Dudley and Katherine Dyer came from Richmond and Martinsville. It was certainly fun to have them all here, and we're hoping they will do the same thing again.

Helen Waide visited Sarah in the early spring. She also cruised around to Bermuda, Jamaica, Cuba, and all those other places that the rest of us want to see. Lucky is the word for Helen.

1937

Dear Class of 1937:

Our first year has passed and I do wish that each and every one of you could have been here to celebrate with us at Commencement. It was grand to see some familiar faces from our class roll, among them Lottie Bell, Ellen Morris Jones, Freda Hewes, Elizabeth Marks, Lynette *Stallcup* Anderson, Jane Jeffrey, Peggy Collier, Ginnie Gantt, Ethel Ray Coffey, Virginia White, Anne Franklin Harrison, Blessing Whitmore, Mary Louise *Welton* Enzian, Becky Cockrell, and Frances Russell.

Ethel Ray was full of her plans for her wedding on June 30th to Mr. J. Ray Strawn of Indiana. Among her bridesmaids were Frances Waide and Frances Jacob (ex-'37) of Staunton. Ethel Ray and her husband will live at 176 North Arlington Ave., Gloversville, N. J.

Ellen Morris has just completed a business course in Richmond, and has no definite plans as to what she will do now. Lottie Bell gave a splendid report at the alumnæ meeting as to the activities of the Pittsburg chapter, recently re-organized, of which she is the chairman. They have stirred up quite an interest among alumnæ within the Pittsburgh vicinity and some of them have come to several meetings from distances of over fifty miles. Lottie told me that Betty Curry and Kewpie Huffman had wanted to come back for Commencement, but both were visiting in Massachusetts at the time and felt that it was too far to come. Betty visited at school in the spring and everyone of course was delighted to see her. Margaret Hunt has a job at home in Texas in the Hunt Oil Corporation.

Freda Hewes has moved from Pittsburgh to 569 Hudson Avenue, Newark, Ohio, and said that she liked her new home very much. Ginnie Gantt is still working, and was most enthusiastic about her job. Betty Chamberlaine finished her course in New York and got a splended job as soon as she did, with a store in Dayton, Ohio. She is in the costume designing department.

Jane Frances Smith received her Master's degree in history from the University of Wisconsin this June and, running true to form, made a wonderful record there. She is planning to teach this winter but has not decided definitely just where she will be. Virginia Kyle has just completed a library course at the George Peabody Institute in Nashville and has accepted a position as the librarian in the new Waynesboro High School.

Roberta Vance has completed one year of her work at Radcliffe and is now visiting friends in Boston, before coming home for the summer. Anne Mosby is at present in Canada, but will be home later in the summer.

Katherine Major, having completed her year of teaching, left in June for a visit with Bonny Kirkland (ex-'37) at her home in Mississippi.

Anne Harrison said that she had enjoyed her year of complete relaxation, but was anxious to settle down and go to school or work next year. She gave a fine report on the activity of the Washington alumnæ chapter.

Jane Dawkins, according to the last news heard from her, is planning to spend the summer in Europe.

The annual alumnæ meeting was quite a large one and I do wish that all of you could have been there to have seen Mary Bell *Archer* Mapp installed as the new National President and to have heard the plans of the alumnæ in

the future program of the college. If any of you have any news, write to me at "Stonewolde," Staunton. I always love to hear from you, and everyone is interested to know what our various members are doing. Hoping to hear from you soon—and until another NEWS LETTER.

MARY BELL.

Betty Smart has been studying in Europe this past year and will be there until about the first of September.

Betty Hiles is now Mrs. Ernest de la Ossa and is living at 435 W. 119th St., N. Y. C.

The class extends sincerest sympathy to Hettie Kennedy upon the loss of her father.

June Belknap visited some of her friends in the college this spring.

Mary Jane McMechen was a bridesmaid in the wedding of Doretta Roberts, which took place in the spring.

Jane Jeffrey, Catherine Major and Mary Wat Ayler were all seen at V. M. I. finals.

Esther Brown, Jean Poe and Zibba Odell visited at the College and with Jane Jeffrey this spring.

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Corinne Tomes was married Saturday evening, June 25, to Mr. Bobbie Woodrow Sadler, of Dubuque, Iowa. The bride wore a formal gown of ivory satin fashioned with a long train, long tight-fitting sleeves pointed over hand, v-neckline with fine knife pleating. Her veil of illusion fell from a Juliet cap adorned with orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of white bride's roses and lily of the valley. Frances Yount, maid of honor, wore a petal-pink net dress with matching veil and top knot and carried an arm bouquet of blue delphinium and baby's breath tied with blue satin ribbon. The bridesmaids included two Mary Baldwin girls—Mary Margaret *Sheets* Prestwood and Reba Wilson, who wore cornflower blue net dresses similar to those of the maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Sadler will live at 2451 Pennsylvania Ave., Dubuque, Iowa.

Eleanor Yellott returned from Europe a few weeks ago and is now with the Division of Investigations of the Department of the Interior. (Sounds mighty impressive, Eleanor.) The only part about it that she is not sure she likes is the daily train ride between Baltimore and Washington. She is planning to take a week-end off and come down and see us soon.

Elise *Winslow* Harris, 472 Gramaton Ave., Fleetwood, N. Y., gave birth to a son in February.

Mildred Hargis visited Dorothy Bear some time ago. She says that Sue Richardson was down on Eastern shore with some of her friends in the early part of the summer.

Betty Bird has spent the entire winter in Florida, doing tutoring and play-ground work. She is going back to Michigan for the summer.

There is not much news from the graduates of '38 yet, but they have had little time; however, by fall we hope to have full details of all of them.

We have just received word that Alice Borden Moore was operated on for appendicitis yesterday (July 11). We're happy to say that she is doing well, but is not feeling up to par yet. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Alice Borden.

Doretta Roberts was married April 9th to Dr. Joseph Edward Gladstone at the First Presbyterian Church at Cape Charles, Virginia. They are making their home at Exmore, Virginia.

EX-'39

Mary Louise McLendon was married Thursday evening, February 17, at the First Baptist Church in Greensboro, N. C., to Mr. Ralph Worthington, 3rd, of Washington, D. C. Louise Overton, '40, was one of the bridesmaids.

Elizabeth Sharon Kenna was married April 30 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Columbia, S. C., to Mr. Howard Wilson Glasgow, Jr. The six bridesmaids included three Mary Baldwin girls: Mary Waties Lumpkin, '38, Katherine Cain, ex-'39, and Lucy Lewis, ex-'38.

Another bride in the class of '39 is Emily Shannon, who became Mrs. Pierce Cantey on June 4th. Mary Baldwin bridesmaids in this wedding were: Epsie Fuller, ex-'39, and Frances Jennings, ex-'39.

Shirley Smith and Mr. A. M. Pritchard, Jr., were married the latter part of June. They will live at Charlottesville, Virginia, this winter.

Peggy Pettigrew returned to the college in March and again at Commencement. She is working part of the time at Miller & Rhoades and directing a choir on the side.

The Mary Baldwin Plates

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